

TASK FORCE ON CYCLING SAFETY

AUTHORIZATION: Established by Resolution No. 2009-67, adopted on September 22, 2009.

MEMBERSHIP: The Task Force shall be composed of three (3) members of the City Council; six (6) members of the cycling community who reside in Newport Beach: one (1) citizen representative from Corona del Mar; one (1) citizen representative from the Newport Coast; one (1) citizen representative from the Balboa Peninsula or West Newport Beach; and three (3) at-large representatives. The representatives of the cycling community and of the identified neighborhoods shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by the full City Council.

The Mayor shall appoint the Task Force Chair. All meetings of the Task Force shall be noticed and open to the public.

TERM: The Task Force shall sunset on March 31, 2010, unless extended by action of the City Council.

PURPOSE & RESPONSIBILITIES: The duties of the Task Force shall be to make recommendations to the City Council as to:

1. Improving the safety of streets and highways for cyclists, including but not limited to additional bike lane designations and "Share the Road" signs;
2. Ways to encourage the cycling community to be fully respectful of autos, pedestrians, and all traffic laws (including speed limits especially along Ocean Front Walk, Back Bay Drive and in the Newport Coast, red lights, stop signs, and their obligation to ride no more than two abreast during group rides);
3. Ways to encourage auto drivers to respect cyclists' right to use roads, including educational programs using existing City publications.